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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ASKS FOR NGUZA MEETING WITH SECRETARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA CALLED ME IN JULY 24 TO CONVEY WORD THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO SEEK MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER PRIOR TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH. NGUZA SAID MOBUTU HAD IN MIND CONSULTING WITH US ON KEY ISSUES AND STRATEGY AT BOTH NAC SUMMIT AND UNGA, ON US-SOUTH AFRICAN DIALOGUE, AND ON STATUS OF OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION IN BOTH ECONOMIC AND SECURITY FIELDS. NGUZA ADDED THAT HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS GOZ'S PROBLEMS WITH IBRD, NOTABLY MCNAMARA'S RECENT LETTER TO MOBUTU CONVEYING WORD THAT BANK INTENDED TO SLOW DOWN PACE OF ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ZAIRE.

2. NGUZA INDICATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR SEEING THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 8-14. HE SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE HIM TO SEE OTHERS IN WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME, INCLUDING MCNAMARA, SENATOR CLARK AND PERHAPS OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HE WOULD THEN GO ON TO COLOMBO WHERE HE, RATHER THAN MOBUTU, WILL REPRESENT ZAIRE AT THE NAC SUMMIT.

3. I TOLD NGUZA I WOULD CONVEY MOBUTU'S REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY AND TRY TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF MEETING DURING TIMEFRAME  
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INDICATED. I SAID IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SECRETARY

WOULD BE VISITING IRAN IN EARLY AUGUST, AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT MEETING SOMEWHERE EN ROUTE MIGHT BE MOST FEASIBLE. I ALSO SAID I WAS NOT SURE WHETHER OTHERS HE WANTED TO SEE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME. NGUZA INDICATED MEETING IN EUROPE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY, ALTHOUGH HE CLEARLY HOPES IT CAN BE WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT MOBUTU HAS DECIDED THIS IS PROPITIOUS TIME TO SEE WHERE MATTERS STAND WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS OF BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RELIEF AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE IS, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT WE ARE NOW FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEVELS OF SUPPORT IN BOTH THESE AREAS FOR FY 1977. I SUSPECT HE MAY BE GETTING SOMEWHAT ANXIOUS LEST THE MOMENTUM BUILT UP DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS START TO DISSIPATE AS TIME DRIFTS ON AND WASHINGTON BECOMES INCREASINGLY PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC MATTERS IN THIS ELECTORAL YEAR. NGUZA PLANS TO ATTEND THE UNGA IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE A CHANCE FOR BILATERAL TALKS AT THAT TIME. BUT GIVEN THE URGENCY WHICH MOBUTU STILL ATTACHES TO ZAIRE'S SITUATION, PLUS THE FACT THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF OUR HIGH-LEVEL EMISSARIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE RESPOND PROMPTLY AND POSITIVELY TO HIS REQUEST TO SEND NGUZA NOW RATHER THAN LATER.

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